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March 2, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Your Luncheon Meeting with the
Attorney General on Tuesday, March 2,
1971 at 1:00 P.M.

DOJ Review Completed

In your meeting with the Attorney General you may wish to discuss the following subjects:

1. Operations in Southeast Asia. Review status of Laos and Chup operations. He missed Friday's NSC meeting. A copy of yesterday's statistics on enemy losses is attached at Tab A.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

2. Strikes Against North Vietnam. Since Secretary Laird has raised concerns about the timing of the proposed 250 sortie strike against SAM/AAA installations and logistics targets in southern North Vietnam, near the Laotian border, you may want to obtain the Attorney General's estimate of the intensity of domestic reaction and best timing in the next few weeks from a domestic viewpoint. Since the enemy build-up threatens the Lam Son 719 operation and the logistics targets have been pinpointed, the time frame for effective action is fairly narrow.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

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3. Middle East. Brief the Attorney General on recent diplomatic developments bearing on a negotiated settlement and your concerns about moving into a Four Power forum which will be interpreted by the Israelis as the beginning of an imposed settlement. This is being done without the compensation of a reduction in the Soviet presence which might have been negotiated bilaterally.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

4. Cuba. Tell the Attorney General that after a two week stay in Cienfuegos the submarine tender and nuclear-powered submarine departed on Sunday. The guided missile cruiser which arrived in Cienfuegos a week later also departed on February 28.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

5. China. You now are considering the Under Secretaries paper recommending steps to further increase personal and commercial contacts between China and the United States (Tab B). The Under Secretaries Committee recommended non-extension of passport restrictions on travel to China when they expire on March 15 and a public statement by the U.S. offering to expedite visas for visitors from China. Justice opposed this proposal on the grounds that it would facilitate Chinese intelligence operations. You may want to probe the depth of the Attorney General's concern on this issue. (At Tab C is a letter from Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst on this issue, which is part of the Under Secretaries package.) Justice also opposed the proposal to exchange trade delegations.

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6. Executive Privilege. John Lehman's "bullying" of Senator Fulbright has focused attention on the inability of Senate Committees to "get at" the vastly expanding Presidential bureaucracy. As the President's reorganization proposals are discussed on the Hill the question of Domestic Council, OMB and NSC accountability will inevitably be raised. Ask the Attorney General if he feels we will be able to hold the line on the question of Executive Privilege.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

7. GAO. GAO is becoming increasingly active in claiming the right to examine executive documents going far beyond budgetary matters. Ask the Attorney General if he feels we will be able to continue to frustrate GAO fishing expeditions.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

8. War Powers Resolutions. There is a head of steam building again in the Senate on a War Powers Resolution. The Javits hearings, for example, begin next week. Tell the Attorney General that you have appreciated the excellent work done by Justice in the past, and believe we will be going through another series of debates.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

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9. Symington Subcommittee. The Symington Subcommittee on Foreign Commitments is to be reconstituted on Thursday with a staff effort headed by Dick Moose. Since Bill Rehnquist did such an outstanding job during previous sessions, tell the Attorney General you hope that he will again be available to sit on the White House working group.

I have discussed the above with the AG: Yes _____ No _____

Remarks: _____

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